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Dream Now Real

Harrisburg Native in Top Industrial Job

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His dream "for many a year" was realized recently by a Harrisburg native and John Harris High School graduate when he became assistant to the executive vice president of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Creator of the familiar "Atoms for Peace" phrase, which is among his proudest achievements, John Forney Rudy, one-time ditch digger, Sunday School teacher and soldier of fortune, is the new assistant to the Goodyear executive.

Rudy is the son of Joseph A. Rudy, a retired U.S. Treasury agent, and Mrs. Rudy of 3334 Derry St., Paxtang.

BUSINESS AMBASSADOR

He was associated with the Whaley-Eaton Service in Washington when he accepted his present position in which he describes himself as "a sort of business ambassador to Washington." He also was serving as an instructor at the American University in Washington and associate editor of The Diplomat, monthly publication in which he conducted a column, "Diplomatic Pouch."

He said he originated "Atoms for Peace," a technological information service, two and one-half years ago when he was advanced from associate editor to managing editor of the Whaley-Eaton Service.

Subscribers to "Atoms for Peace" include the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy of the U.S. Congress, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency and official government agencies and large-scale businesses in a dozen or more foreign lands, according to Rudy. He said a year's subscription costs \$500.

IN PAXTANG SCHOOLS

Rudy attended the Paxtang grade school and the Staunton Military Academy before matriculating at John Harris High, where he was graduated in 1929. Competitive examinations

to enter the Pennsylvania Marine Academy (then known as Schodship Annapolis), where he was graduated in 1931.

The depression years were not conducive to realization of young Rudy's ambition to become a writer. He, his father, worked for the old Pennsylvania State Emergency Relief, served a hitch in the Merchant Marine and saw service in World War II among other things before landing his first writing job.

Marine voyages took him to Tahiti. The homely charm of this



JOHN FORNEY RUDY
A Measure of Success

South Pacific island together with the lying ease and the intelligence of its native Polynesians fired him with a resolve to go there some day to live.

VOTERS SNAG HOPES

Resuming his quest for a writing job after his discharge from the Merchant Marine as a third mate, he landed finally on the staff of the Republican News, a weekly political paper published in the Telegraph Building during Al Landon's presidential campaign.

Landon's defeat shattered Rudy's hopes for a political appointment and turned his thoughts to Tahiti. The young adventurer lost no time booking passage for the picturesque island and taking up residence there.

He lived in Tahiti long enough to write a book about his traveling experiences—"And the Poor Travel, Too." He has visited 87 countries.

Romance brought him back to America in 1937 to marry an Oberlin school teacher, Isabelle Rider of Waynesboro. On their

Newspapers in Florida. He was the managing editor when he left Orlando to join the Associated Press.

Caught in the war after brief AP stints in Jacksonville and Atlanta, he joined the Army Transportation Corps, bound for the South Pacific, and wound up in Washington as an aide to the deputy administrator of the War Shipping Administration.

Rudy was director of public relations for the National Federation of American Shipping, representing the American Steamship Lines, five years ago when he joined the Whaley-Eaton Service as an associate editor. The renowned service was founded in 1918 by P. H. Whaley and Henry Eaton after they left their jobs as editor and managing editor, respectively, of the old Philadelphia Ledger.

WIFE DIES

Rudy's wife died 3 1/2 years ago. She is buried in Shoop's Cemetery where members of the Rudy family have been interred since the 1700s. Their children are Jack, 19, a freshman at North Carolina University; Pamela, 14, and Joseph James Eric, 8.

Last year Rudy was married to the former Caroline Irlie Pou Wadden of Washington, who has three children, 5, 8 and 9. Their Washington home is at 3403 34th Place, N.W.

FREE-LANCE WRITER

His futile efforts to obtain a writing job in the depression years, Rudy said, "made me work all the harder as a free-lance writer." As a result, he estimated, he sold more than \$50,000 worth of material to hundreds of publications in the last 25 years.

Among his most memorable days—"and certainly my proudest"—he added, were those in the 1930s when he taught the Men's Bible Class at Christ Lutheran Church.

Rudy truly has been busy since he left Harrisburg but not too busy to return on Rally Day two years ago to serve as guest teacher of his old Bible Class at Christ Lutheran Church.